

Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)
Office of the Workforce Investment Council
&
Department of Employment Services (DOES)

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

In-School Youth Year-Round Workforce Development Programs

The Workforce Investment Council (WIC) and the Department of Employment Services (DOES) are soliciting applications to provide services to in-school youth through high-quality education and training programs. The program's goal is to assist youth in obtaining education and training that will lead to self-sufficiency and family-sustaining wages through achievement of key benchmarks including: attainment of a high school diploma; placement in employment, advanced training, or post-secondary education; and literacy and numeracy gains.

The Request for Application (RFA) will include two program tracks:

- **Industry Awareness:** provide at-risk in-school youth with a mix of academic instruction and targeted work experiences in a high-demand industry sector that prepares them for high school graduation and direct entry into unsubsidized employment or advanced occupational training after graduation. Requires at least one private sector partner to sign on to the application.
- **Postsecondary Preparation:** provide at-risk in-school youth with a mix of academic instruction and other supportive services that enable them to obtain a high school diploma and prepare them to successfully enroll and persist in post-secondary education leading to a degree, certificate, or other credential. Requires a postsecondary partner to sign on to the application.

Respondents may apply to deliver programs under more than one model, but must submit a separate application for each program proposed.

Eligibility: Organizations that are eligible to apply for this grant include public or private non-profit or for-profit organizations with demonstrated effectiveness providing the requested services and meeting the needs of the target population, including:

- Non-profit, community-, or faith-based organizations;
- Community colleges or other institutions of higher education;
- Public or charter secondary schools;
- Trade associations or chambers of commerce;
- Private, for-profit service providers; or
- Labor unions, labor-management partnerships, or registered apprenticeship programs.

Length of Awards: The grant period will be for eighteen months from the date of execution of a grant agreement with the District. At the discretion of the WIC, three optional one-year extensions may be granted based on performance and the availability of funding.

Available Funding for Awards: The amount available for this award is approximately \$1,000,000.

Anticipated Number of Awards: WIC anticipates making multiple awards depending on funding availability. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released Friday, October 26, 2012. The RFA will be posted on the District's Grants Clearinghouse website at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>.

RFA Informational Meeting: An informational meeting on the RFA will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 10:00 at the Community Room at the Department of Employment Services located at 4058 Minnesota Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20019. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

For additional information, contact LaToyia Hampton, Grants Manager for the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development, at latoyia.hampton@dc.gov.

The deadline for submission is Monday, November 26, 2012 at 4:00 PM EST.